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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 6195

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS MARR EC

SUBJECT: MODERNIZATION OF ECUADOREAN NAVY: CONVERSATION WITH ADMIRAL  
POVEDA

REF: STATE 195932

1. I CALLED ON ADMIRAL POVEDA, CNO OF ECUADOREAN NAVY (EN) AT  
6:00PM AUGUST 21 TO DELIVER REPLY CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. AFTER CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS PROMOTION TO VICE ADMIRAL,  
I SAID I HAD A REPLY TO HIS REQUEST OF JUNE 27 (SEE QUITO  
4797) FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE EN. IN THE INTERESTS OF BEING  
EXACT IN WHAT WAS SAID, I READY MY TALKING POINTS VERBATIM AND  
SUBSEQUENTLY LEFT A COPY WITH THE ADMIRAL. (THE ENGLISH TEXT  
FOLLOWS IN NEXT TELEGRAM; THE SPANISH TEXT IS BEING POUCHED  
TO ARA/LA-EP.)

3. ADMIRAL POVEDA SAID HE QUITE UNDERSTOOD WHY WE COULD  
NOT PROVIDE SHIPS TO THE EN: SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID HE UNDER-  
STOOD THE MOOD IN CONGRESS AND IN THE PUBLIC. HE EXPECTED  
OUR DIFFERENCES TO BE RESOLVED SOONER OR LATER: IF NOT  
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NEXT YEAR, THEN THE NEXT, PERHAPS. HE WAS PREPARED TO

WAIT. ECUADOR IS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND COULD NOT AFFORD TO SPEND LARGE SUMS ON SHIPS. HE DEPLORED THE RIFT WHICH HAD DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR TWO NAVIES. THE TRAINING PROGRAM WAS GOING WELL, AND HE WAS SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE RECENTLY TO PLAN. I HAD NOW GIVEN HIM SOMETHING CONCRETE TO SHOW HIS OFFICERS. HE WOULD ORGANIZE A GROUP OF OFFICERS HEADED BY ADMIRAL JORGE HERNANDO ORTEGA (FORMERLY ECUADOREAN REPRESENTATIVE TO IADB AND PRESENTLY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE NAVY), TO VISIT THE U.S. TO HAVE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON CONSTRUCTION OF A NAVAL BASE, ETC. FINALLY, HE THANKED ME FOR MY INTEREST IN THE EN AND I ASSURED HIM MY INTEREST WOULD CONTINUE.

4. COMMENT: POVEDA WAS HIS CUSTOMARY CALM AND COURTEOUS SELF. HE UNDERSTANDS AND INDEED NO DOUBT UNDERSTOOD BEFORE THE LINKAGE BETWEEN SHIPS FOR THE EN AND LOS AND FISHING POLICY, AND HE DID NOT BLINK AN EYE WHEN I WAS EXPLICIT ON THIS POINT. HE SEEMS SINCERE IN HIS DESIRE FOR OUR COLLABORATION, AND HIS ACTIONS SINCE MY MEETING WITH HIM IN JUNE (I.E., WITH RESPECT TO TRAINING AND IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO MLO OFFICERS TO SHIPS AND INSTALLATIONS) SUBSTANTIATE HIS STATEMENT THEN THAT HE WANTED AN "OPENING TOWARD THE UNITED STATES".

5. I THINK WE HAVE MADE A START IN RENEWING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EN. WHEN KNOWN WE WILL INFORM WASHINGTON AGENCIES OF THE COMPOSITION AND SCHEDULE OF THE EN GROUP COMING TO WASHINGTON. IN THE MEANTIME, I AWAIT WITH INTEREST SOME WORD ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO THE U.S. BY ADMIRAL POVEDA.  
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